Spout Spring

Spout Spring, April 4.- Mrs. Ernest Ferguson, Mrs. David Harvey, Mrs. H. C. Almond and Mrs. Ernest Smith were guests of Mrs. George Carson last Thursday.

Miss Clarkie Cheatham and brother, Aubrey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chilton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moon were recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moon.

Mrs. Mosby Harris and the Rev. J. W. Inge were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Carson Sunday, the occasion being to honor Mrs. Harris' birthday.

There will be an Easter sunrise service Sunday A. M., beginning at 6 o'clock, at Concord school. The public is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Coleman Sunday afternoon.

The W. S. C. S. of the Salem Church will meet Friday at 7:30 P. M., in the home of Mrs. C. R. Morton.

Spout Spring, April 4.- Miss Peggy Martin, whose marriage to Mr. James Wright will take place in April, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. W. E. Martin last Friday evening. Hostesses were Mrs. J. E. Cyrus and Mrs. Harold Martin. Games were played and punch, cake and mints served. About twenty - five guests showered Miss Martin with gifts for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Woodson plan to move into their new home this week. We wish them much happiness.

Mrs. Floyd Coleman is slowly improving after a recent illness.

Jimmie Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Martin, who underwent an appendectomy last week at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, is reported getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson went to Danville Sunday to visit their grandson, William E. Dickerson, III.

Mrs. J. Ammon Casey has been very ill with flu. She is some better at this time. Her sister, Miss Mackey Simms is here from Bluefield, W. Va. is with her.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, April 4.- Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner spent several days last week in Portsmouth.

Mrs. Paul Thornhill is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

E. K. Martin is ill. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, Mrs. Russell Martin and daughter and Mrs. Lyle Davidson and son spent Tuesday at Natural Bridge with Mr. Walter Reynolds.

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Home Agents hedule

Home Demonstration Agents's hedule, week of April 17-22:

Monday, April 17.- The Pamplin ome Demonstration Club will et at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. T. R. ge. The demonstration will be se- tion of materials, patterns and ign for making best dress.

Tuesday, April 18.- The Liberty apel Home Demonstration Club l meet at 10:00 A. M. with Mrs. ston Coleman. The demonstra- n will be cutting and fitting the st dress and will be given by Mrs. leman and Mrs. Jesse Harvey, Jr. mbers bring lunch. Note change date of meeting.

Tuesday, April 18.- The Appomat- Home Demonstration Club will et at 2:30 P. M. with Mrs. D. E. dwell, Jr. A book review will be en by Miss Nadine Burnett, the nty librarian.

Wed., April 19.- The Wreck Island me Demonstration Club will et at 10:00 A. M. with Mrs. R. Thornhill. The demonstration making and decorating aluminum ps will be given by Mrs. J. R. rsley.

Thurs., April 20.- Miss Catherine rr, Extension Rural Arts Spe- list, will meet with the Home nonstration Club leaders for a der training meeting on textile n in the office of the home nt at 10:00 A. M.

Friday, April 21.- The Oakville monstration Club will et at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Billy lamon.

own Auto ags Due

The owners of all motor vehicles his the corporate limits of the wn of Appomattox are respect- reminded that after midnight ril 15th, the law requires all such le to display an Appomattox ag. After this date all viola- s are subject to a fine and costs. cooperation of every citizen is quested.

10 Deaths oad Toll

Richmond, Va., April 12.- Despite staggering toll of 810 highway s in Virginia during 1949, five en counties had a clean re- ording to Col. C. W. Wood- Executive Chairman of the Jr. ernor's Highway Safety Com- ee and Superintendent of State ice.

Counties experiencing no deaths ring their borders were Fluvan- King and Queen, Mathews and ord. Although no deaths oc- red within territory comprising Abington County, three were ported, the town of Bristol ng against Abington with county cannot be official.

ng the list were Norfolk and Anne with 20 each. Fair- next with 25, followed by which saw 24.

largest city bracket, Norfolk a high of 22 which was four than 1948's score. Richmond e with 18, two more than in 48.

Calendar death rate is reported be on decline.

French political experts declares at atomic war would be terri-

Reds protest plane flying over Berlin.

Be polite to visitors here Sunday. Invite them to come again!

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Expect 10,000 Here Sunday For McLean Dedication

Let Contract Agricultural School Building

J. A. Burie, Division Superintendent of Schools, announced today that Curtis Blackwell, Appomattox contractor has been awarded the contract for building the agricultural shop and class rooms on the Appomattox school campus. The former building was destroyed by fire last October 11.

Seven contractors submitted bids on the project, including contractors from Richmond, Lynchburg and Farmville. Mr. Blackwell's low bid was $36,593.66. Work will begin at once, and the school will be ready before the September opening of public schools.

County, State and Federal agencies will co-operate on the project.

Senior Play Announced

The Senior Class of the Appomattox High School is presenting a comedy, "Dollars to Doughnuts," on Monday night, April 24, at 8:00 o'clock.

Those is the cast are: Faye Wood, Byron Babcock, Harry Gordon Lawson, Joyce Christian, Charles Harvey, Rebecca Rush, Alice H. Harvey, Richard Marks, Jr., Eulalia Robertson and Alfred Ray Gordon.

87 Piece Band To Play Here

It was announced this week that there will be a band concert here Saturday night, April 29, by the 87-piece band of the Norview, Virginia, High School. The concert will take place at 8:00 P. M. at the Auditorium. This event is being sponsored by the band committee of the Appomattox Lions Club, which is seeking, by so organize a high school band at Appomattox High School. Tickets for the concert are on sale.

Stonewall Election

There will be an "election" held at Stonewall School Saturday, April 15th, from 6 to 10 P. M., for the purpose of determining the wishes of the majority as to either discontinuing the elementary school and sending the children to Concord, or repairing the school building and continuing to keep the school in Concord community. All parents, future patrons and taxpayers in the community served by Stonewall School are eligible to "vote." Persons must be 21 years of age or parents. Persons confined at home by sickness or other disability may send their ballot by another person. The proposed changes will not affect high school children.

Students to Come By Bus

A number of school buses are expected to bring loads of school children here Sunday for the McLean House Dedication. In the past few years greater attention in the schools has been centered on Virginia history, and the dedication offers history students an opportunity to see one of the Old Dominion's greatest shrines and witness an impressive dedication ceremony. Dr. Douglas Freeman's historical address will be of special interest to stddents. In recent weeks many busloads of children have made the trip to Old Appomattox Court House and been shown over the grounds. It is expected that students tours will increase from now on, as a new interest is being demonstrated in the str. of the end of the War Between the States.

College Choir To Sing Here Sunday Night

The Lynchburg College Touring Choir, of Lynchburg will be presented in a convert of sacred music at Liberty Baptist Church here April 16 at 8:00 P. M.

The Choir, which has established an outstanding reputation throughout Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and the District of Columbia, has just completed its second spring tour of Florida. The purpose of the group is primarily to spread knowledge and appreciation of great church music to its audiences. And through the medium of sacred music it hopes to contribute to the Crusade For A Christian World.

Thirty-four students representing seven states make up the Choir. The varying courses of study, constituting the major interests of these students, include Business Administration, Biology, Chemistry, Music, Religion, Sociology and Philosophy.

The Choir is conducted by Mr. Arthur N. Wake, a graduate of Westminister Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey, where he was a member of the noted Westminster Choir, under the direction of Dr. John F. Williamson. At present Mr. Wake is head of the Department of Music and Director of Fine Arts at Lynchburg College. Miss Calvin Quarles, the accompanist for the Choir, is organist-director for the First Christian Church, Lynchburg.

MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH BEGINS SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

In order that many who wish to attend Church on Sunday, April 16, and also be able to get to the Dedication Services at the McLean House by 1:00 P. M., the Sunday morning Worship Service at the Memorial Methodist Church in Appomattox will be a forty-five minute service running from 10:45 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.

The evening hour of worship will begin on Sunday, April 16, at 8:00 P. M., instead of 7:30 o'clock, and also will be a forty-five minute worship period.

The 8:00 P. M. hour will be in operation at the church until October.

A Friendly Tip!

Be in place at the Old Court House not later than

1:00 P. M.

Sunday if you wish to see and hear the band parades and the meeting of Robert E. Lee, IV and Gen. U. S. Grant, III. And if you want to see big-time photographers, newsreel and radio men at work. Latest report is that a television station from Washington will be on the job.

The speaking program goes on the air at 1:45, but the crowd will start gathering soon after 11:30.

STATE POLICE TO HANDLE TRAFFIC

A force of about 25 State Police, under Captain Crews has been prepared to handle traffic here Sunday. Up to 1,500 cars can be parked in the immediate area around the Old Court House, and unlimited space is available at some distance.

5,000 PROGRAMS TO BE AVAILABLE

A formal dedication program of events will be distributed here Sunday to those attending the Dedication. 5,000 copies have been printed and will be distributed by Boy Scouts.

Senator Vandenberg has turned removed. Condition is reported as good

Bugle That Sounded Last Charge Is Located

The bugle said to have sounded the last charge of Union forces at Appomattox in 1865, was presented to the United States Military Academy Sunday, April 9, the 85th anniversary of the making of peace. The battered, brass instrument was placed in a prominent position in the West Point Museum. The gift was made by Cadet Laurin M. Ellis, Jr., of Maryville, Missouri, the grandson of Nathaniel Sisson, the man said to have blown the bugle on the last day of formal fighting in the war.

On April 9, 1865, when Custer's Cavalry came in sight of marching gray columns, Bugler Sisson, then 18, was ordered to sound the charge. As the Cavalry advanced, aides stepped out from the ranks bearing flags of truce. In a few moments, Sisson was ordered to sound Assembly, and officials state that this call "ended the war."

Bugler Sisson died in 1932.

The Blue And Gray

Upon my bosom softly lies
A knot of blue and gray.
You ask the why? Tears fill my eyes
So low to you I say:
I had two brothers once,
Warm-hearted, bold and gay;
They left my side — one wore the blue,
The other wore the gray.
One rode with Stonewall and his men,
and joined his fate with Lee;
The other followed Sherman's march
Triumphant to the sea.
Both fought for what they deemed the right,
And died with Sword in hand;
One sleeps beneath Virginia's soil,
And one in Georgia's sand.
The same sun shines upon their grave;
My love for both must stay;
And so upon my bosom lies
A knot of blue and gray.

(Note: The above was sent to W. M. Abbitt by Mr. William J. Carey, of Washington, D. C.)

Town to Look It's Best Sunday ....Flags Go Up

The Town of Appomattox will be decorated with flags for the Dedication Day festivities. An expert decorator from Richmond will arrive here tomorrow morning to decorate business places and public buildings. William W. Burke has headed the Decoration Committee.

Dedication Square Dance

The American Legion plans to have a Dedication Square Dance at Legion Memorial Home on Friday night, it was announced this week.

. . . and There Will Be Food

Concession stands to serve the expected crowds here Sunday will be operated under the sponsorship of the American Legion. Soft drinks, sandwiches, etc. will be available.

Clean-Up Successful

Appomattox has had its most successful "Clean Up" campaign in recent years. Town workmen have cooperated and property owners have gone "all out" to clean up and paint up. Visitors here this week-end will see the community at its best.

Two Busses Bring Cadets

The VMI Band will be transported to Appomattox Sunday morning by special busses, arranged for by the Dedication Committee. Two busses have been chartered for this purpose.

Gurney Is A Busy Man!

H. A. Gurney, Custodian and Superintendent of the National Park Service at Old Appomattox Court House, has been one of the county's busiest men in recent weeks, as he has served as secretary to the Dedication Committee. But he has taken his countless duties in stride, and the pay-off will be to have things work out smoothly and creditably Sunday afternoon.

ONE MORE STATION

Latest Radio station to be added to the growing list of those carrying the Dedication program here on Sunday is WHLF, South Boston.

Bridges to keep U. S. citizenship for at least another month.

A M. Goodman Recalls The Event of '65

Back in 1865, when Lee and Grant met at the McLean House to make peace for the nation, Mr. Alonza M. Goodman was a lad of ten. He was born July 7, 1855. Mr. Goodman is now 95 and enjoys recalling the vivid scenes of a long and useful life. He lives near Spout Spring.

So far as we know, Mr. Goodman is the oldest person now living in Appomattox County and the only one who can tell as an eye-witness the story of 1865.

He came to the McLean House the next day after the surrender. He did not see Lee or Grant, but he saw and talked to plenty of the soldiers of each side. He remembers as a boy being especially impressed by the sight of so many dead horses on the battlefield. He also remembers that his mother fixed something to eat to give the Confederate soldiers. His home at that time was six and one-half miles from the McLean House.

It is hoped that Mr. Goodman will be able to attend the Dedication program Sunday.

Students to Act As Guides

A group of high school guides will work with Park Service guides here Sunday to show visitors the historic landmarks of Old Appomattox.

Listen Tonight At 7:15

Tonight at 7:15 (Thursday) Radio Station WWOD, Lynchburg will put on a special program devoted to The Appomattox Story. It will be one in a series of programs on Lynchburg history, called "A City Grows. Mr. Jack Weldon will read the special script.

Appomattox is agag over mounting evidences that next Sunday, April 16, will be its greatest day since General Robert E. Lee and Gen. U. S. Grant made peace for America here 85 years ago. Sunday will see the long-planned Dedication of the rebuilt and restored peace house of Wilmer McLean.

Ceremonies will begin sharply at 1:15 P. M., with a gala display of pageantry. Spectators are urged to be in place by 1:00 P. M., so as not to miss a choice portion of the program.

Timing must be exact, on account of scheduled radio broadcasts. The radio stations will go on the air at 1:45, and the band parades must be over before that time.

Promptly at 1:15, the colorful band of the famed Virginia Military Institute, snappily dressed in gray, will strike up "Dixie," the thrilling marching song of the Confederacy. Heading their march from the last Confederate positions to the McLean House, will be the VMI color guard, carrying the original battle flags VMI Cadets carried into battle under "Stonewall" Jackson. And leading this brilliant spectacle will be Robert Edward Lee, IV, the great grandson of General Lee, who will fly east from California to take part in the Dedication.

And following this march at 1:15, the crack U. S. Marine Schools Band, of Quantico, with a Marine color guard, will strike up with "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," from the last Northern positions on the Appomattox battlefield. And leading this famous unit, will be none other than Gen. (Retired) U. S. Grant, III, grandson of Gen. Grant.

This scene will be one of the most impressive ever staged in Virginia. Life Magazine photographers will be present. Two newsreel companies will have their cameras grinding away. Press association photographers will have their experts here to take pictures for leading newspapers. It will be Appomattox's biggest moment since 1865.

The parades will merge in front of the McLean House, and at 1:45, Robert E. Lee, IV and Gen. U. S. Grant, III will meet on the steps of the "house of peace" and cut the ribbon formally opening the building. Radio stations will pick up that ceremony. At least five radio stations will broadcast one hour of the program: WWOD and WLVA, Lynchburg; WSVS, Crewe; WFLO, Farmville and WTON, Staunton. And two others: WRVA and WLEE, Richmond, will make recordings for later broadcast.

Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt will be the presiding officer at the Dedication program, taking over at 2:00 P. M. The Rev. William M. Thompson, of Lynchburg, will give the Invocation. Mr. Abbitt will extend a welcome to the guests and visitors. Judge Joel W. Flood will introduce Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman, who will make the historical address of the day. Dr. Freeman is acclaimed as one of the greatest authorities on Virginia and Southern history, and is a noted author and editor.

After his address the Marine Band will play a medley of Civil War songs. Then Mr. Newton B. Drury, Director of the National Park Service will make the formal Dedication of the McLean House. The Park Service owns and maintains the 900 acre historic area here.

Governor John S. Battle will respond to the Dedication and he will Dedicate the Virginia Room in the House.

Following the Governor's speech, United States Senator Virgil Chapman, of Kentucky, will make a brief address. He will be following by a selection from the VMI Band.

Also on the formal program will be brief remarks from Mrs. William Haggard, of Miami, Florida, President General of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; and by Mrs. Roy E. Kyle, President of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs; Recognition of members of the family of Wilmer McLean, and other distinguished guests by Mr. Abbitt and State Senator Charles T. Moses. The Rev. R. Carl Maxwell will give the Benediction, and the program will conclude with the playing of The Star Spangled Banner by the two bands.